FO2319844

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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN:	912-13156-2171-050
Date:	9/2/12
Time:	1950
Location:	[redacted] Florence Avenue
City or Station:	Los Angeles
Bureau/Station/Facility:	Central Patrol Division/Century Station
Admin. Investigation:	YES ☐ NO ☒
Type of Force:	Significant Force-Fractured Bones
Deputy Injury:	YES ☐ NO ☒
Suspect Injury:	YES ☒ NO ☐

☒ Call ☐ Observation ☐ Detail ☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: YES ☒ NO ☐ Person Notified: Lt. Libertone Emp: [redacted] IAB Roll Out: YES ☒ NO ☐

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Sorensen	Eric	W.

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
☒ Male ☐ Female	White	Century Sheriff Station	216E

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
☐ EM ☐ Day ☒ PM	☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	[redacted]	605	250

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Hospital: ____ Coroner Case #: Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☒

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☐ **Additional Involved Employees**

On Duty Supervisor

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Quintero	Marcello		Sgt.	YES ☐ NO ☒	YES ☐ NO ☒
					YES ☐ NO ☐	YES ☐ NO ☐

Watch Sergeant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Richardson	Brian	E.

Watch Commander

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Nathan	Daniel	A.

Lieutenant Dan Nathan
Watch Commander (**Print Name**) Watch Commander's **Signature**: Emp #: Date

Sergeant Brenda Parker
Supervisor Completing Form: (**Print Name**) Emp #: [redacted] Copy Provided to Employee by: Emp #:

Unit Commander (**Print Name**) Unit Commander's **Signature**: Emp #: Date

DISCOVERY Use Only
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Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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SUSPECT INFORMATION
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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Guardado First Name: Natividad Middle Name: Oscar

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex: [X] Male [ ] Female | Race: Hispanic | Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Work Phone: [redacted] | Home Ph[redacted] | Age: 66 | Height: 508 | D.O.B. 01/01/46 | Weight: 160 | Armed? [X]

Booking #: 3287704 Primary Charge Code: 273.5 PC Secondary Charge Code: 245(A)PC Criminal History [redacted]

EMT in attendance? [X] YES [ ] NO Name: LA County Fire Department Unit: Engine 164 Phone #: (323) 567-8580

Hospital Admission? [ ] Rec'd Treatment At: White Memorial Hospital Coroner Case #: Mental History [ ]

By Doctor: Jacob Address: 1720 Ceaser E. Chavez Blvd., L.A., 90033 Phone #: (323) 268-5000

Under Influence: [X] YES [ ] NO Substance: Alcohol Mental Illness [ ]

Suspect Interview

Date: 09/03/12 | Time: 0631 | Audiotape: [ ] | Videotape: [X] | Photos of Injuries: [X]

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex: [ ] Male [ ] Female | Race: | Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Armed? [ ]

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: Criminal History [ ]

EMT in attendance? [ ] YES [ ] NO Name: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History [ ]

By Doctor: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: [ ] YES [ ] NO Substance: Mental Illness: [ ]

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | Audiotape: [ ] | Videotape: [ ] | Photos of Injuries: [ ]

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By Doctor: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: [ ] YES [ ] NO Substance: Mental Illness [ ]

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | Audiotape: [ ] | Videotape: [ ] | Photos of Injuries: [ ]

[ ] Additional Suspects Involved

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Cramer	Brian	

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

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☐ **Additional Witness**

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Guardado	S#1	Sorensen	E#1	OE	NN	
Guardado	S#1	Cramer	E#2	OE	NN	
Sorensen	E#1	Guardado	S#1	TR	FR	CH
Sorensen	E#1	Guardado	S#1	TR	NN	LF
Sorensen	E#1	Guardado	S#1	TR	NN	BK
Sorensen	E#1	Guardado	S#1	PO	FR	CH

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

UNIT: Century Station
DATE: September 2, 2012
TIME: 1950 hours
LOCATION: [redacted] Florence Avenue
URN#: 912-13156-2171-052
IAB#: FO2319844

NATURE OF INCIDENT:

On-call Internal Affairs Bureau personnel assumed the handle on a force investigation after learning that Deputies Eric Sorensen and Bryan Cramer were involved in an incident with Suspect Natividad Guardado which resulted in Deputy Sorensen using significant force. The suspect sustained a fracture to his left clavicle and a rib fracture.

On September 2, 2012, Century Sheriff Station deputies responded to a disturbance call at [redacted] Florence Avenue, in the city of Los Angeles. The call stated a male Hispanic was drunk, armed with a knife, and was threatening to stab his wife.

> **IAB Note:** See Exhibit "H," audio of 911 call.

Deputies Sorensen and Cramer arrived at the location. Within the first few minutes of investigation, they saw Suspect Natividad Guardado approximately 60 feet away from them, holding two knives in his hand in a threatening manner as he walked slowly toward them. Deputies Sorensen and Cramer pointed their 9mm Berettas at Suspect Guardado as Deputy Sorensen ordered him several times to stop, put the knives down, and get on the ground. Suspect Guardado did not stop. He continued to advance slowly toward the deputies. Deputy Sorensen took out his Taser, put his gun away, and pointed the Taser light at the center of Suspect Guardado's chest. The suspect did not stop.

> **IAB Note:** See Exhibit "B," photographs of the scene.

When Suspect Guardado advanced within approximately 20 feet of the deputies, and would not comply with the order to stop and drop the knives, Deputy Sorensen tased Suspect Guardado. Suspect Guardado's body became very rigid, the knives flew from his hand, and he fell to the ground, landing on his left shoulder. Deputy Sorensen placed his knee on Suspect Guardado's back and restrained him as Deputy Cramer handcuffed him. Suspect Guardado was transported by LA County Fire Department Engine 164 to

White Memorial Medical Center and treated by Doctor Jacob. The suspect was given an okay to book at 0440 hours.

Suspect Guardado sustained a fracture to his left clavicle and a rib fracture.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

Sorensen, Eric – Deputy #[redacted]
Century Station
Unit # 216E
Field Operations Region II

Date of Employment: 09/30/96
Date Assigned to CEN: 09/25/06
Prior Shooting Incident(s): 1
Prior Founded Force Incidents:[redacted]

Cramer, Bryan– Reserve Deputy #[redacted]
Century Station
Unit # 216E
Field Operations Region II

Date of Employment: 03/14/12
Date Assigned to CEN: 07/31/12 (Reserve)
Prior Shooting Incident(s):[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:[redacted]

INVOLVED SUSPECT:

Guardado, Natividad

Sex:	Male
Race:	Hispanic
Date of Birth:	01/01/46
Height:	508
Weight:	160
Booking #	3287704
Charge:	273.5 PC, 245(A) (1) PC,
Injury:	Fracture to left clavicle, fractured rib

The Consolidated Criminal History System reveals that Suspect Guardado has a prior

history of 

CIVILIAN WITNESSES:



INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:
Deputy Eric Sorenson

Deputy Sorenson was interviewed on December 4, 2012, at 1052 hours by Sergeants Brenda Parker and Patrick Mannion. The interview was audio recorded.

Deputy Sorensen said he and his partner received a Domestic Violence call where a male Hispanic was armed with a knife, threatening to stab his ███ He said they responded to the call. Deputy Sorensen said he and Deputy Cramer was the only unit assigned to the call because it was a busy night, and no other units were available.

> **IAB Note:** See Exhibit "H," radio traffic from 216E.

When they arrived, they saw two male Hispanics standing outside in front of the location. He said neither of the men fit the description of the suspect. Deputy Sorensen said he asked the men where the suspect went and they both pointed westbound down Florence Avenue. Deputy Sorensen said that since it was Deputy Cramer's first day, and he was on training, he instructed Deputy Cramer to stay by his side.

Deputy Sorensen said he searched westbound down Florence Avenue for several blocks and did not see the suspect. He said the suspect then came around the corner southbound on Miramonte to eastbound Florence. The suspect was approximately 60 feet away from them. Deputy Sorensen said the suspect was "shambling" around the corner like a zombie. The suspect had blood on his face, he was dressed in a brown shirt and black pants which was described in the call, and he was holding two knives in his right hand.

Deputy Sorensen said he held the knives with his arm straight and his palm forward, and the tips of the knife blades were pointing up. Deputy Sorensen said he illuminated the suspect with his Mountain light and gave him several orders to drop the knives, stop, and get on the ground. He said the suspect continued walking toward them. He said the suspect never paused. The suspect was about 60 feet away from them and continued to walk toward them in a slow pace. Deputy Sorensen said he gave the suspect orders to stop, drop the knives and get on the ground in English because he does not know how to

speak Spanish that well. He said he was the only one giving orders because he told Deputy Cramer who was his [redacted] that only one deputy would give commands so there would be no confusion.

Deputy Sorensen said the suspect continued to close the distance, as he walked slowly toward them. Deputy Sorensen said he started walking back in order to increase the distance between them. Deputy Sorensen said as he backed up, he holstered his gun and drew his Taser. He said at that time, the suspect was approximately 30 feet away from him. He said he holstered his gun and drew his Taser because he read the situation and thought it was prudent to make that decision. He said he knew that Deputy Cramer had his gun drawn and thought this was a good situation to use the Taser.

Deputy Sorensen said he put the Taser dot low on the suspect's chest, or around his sternum. He said the suspect continued to advance toward him as he gave five to six more series of commands of "stop, drop the knife, get on the ground." He said he told the suspect "I'm gonna tase you if you don't stop." Deputy Sorenson said when the suspect came within about 20 feet from him and continued to walk toward him as he was backed up, he tased the suspect.

Deputy Sorensen said it appeared that one dart hit the suspect in his chest, and one dart hit the suspect in his leg. He said the suspect's body immediately went rigid and the knives were "ejected" from his hand. He said the suspect started to fall and turned to the left as he fell, striking his left shoulder on the ground. He said he then moved in and administered a contact tase to the suspect's right thigh or calf area. He said then put the Taser on the suspect's back and held the trigger down because they had not searched the suspect and his left arm was concealed underneath his body. Deputy Sorensen said he put his knee on Suspect Natividad's back while he directed Deputy Cramer to handcuff the suspect. He said he continued to hold the trigger on the Taser for about 14 seconds until Deputy Cramer was able to secure the suspect's left hand and make sure he did not have any weapons.

IAB Note: See Exhibit "C," Taser Print out

SWORN WITNESS STATEMENT:
Deputy Brian Cramer

Deputy Cramer was interviewed on December 14, 2012, at 0947 hours by Sergeant Brenda Parker. The interview was audio recorded.

Deputy Cramer said that on his first day at Century Station as a Deputy Sheriff Reserve Trainee, he was assigned to work with Deputy Sorensen. He said they received a call of a spousal assault, person with a knife. When they arrived, they saw two male Hispanics that did not match the description of the suspect. They asked the men what was going on, and if they knew where the suspect went. The men pointed toward Florence Avenue and Miramonte Street. They walked in that direction. When they got close to the corner, he saw a male Hispanic who matched the description of the suspect holding two

knives in his right hand.

Deputy Cramer said he and Deputy Sorensen drew their guns and Deputy Sorensen gave the suspect several commands to stop and put the knives down, but he would not put them down. He said the suspect continued to walk toward them, holding the knives. Deputy Sorensen gave several more commands for the suspect to put the knives down. He said the suspect was not listening and continued to walk toward them. He said Deputy Sorensen used his Taser to subdue the suspect. He said once Deputy Sorensen tased the suspect, the suspect fell and the knives flew out of his hand. He said Deputy Sorensen ordered him to handcuff and search the suspect. He said he was able to cuff the suspect's right arm but the left arm was under the suspect's body. He said he was able to secure the arm and cuff it while Deputy Sorensen restrained the suspect.

Deputy Cramer said he and Deputy Sorensen did not verbally communicate about how the incident would be handled. He said Deputy Sorensen told him earlier in the day to stay close, therefore he was standing a couple of feet to Deputy Sorensen's left side during the incident. Deputy Cramer said he did not really know what to do, but he pointed his weapon at the suspect and observed his actions. He said he was prepared to use his gun if he needed to. Deputy Cramer said there was no need for him to use his gun because he was watching Deputy Sorensen and felt Deputy Sorensen was using a reasonable amount of force.

CIVILIAN WITNESS' STATEMENTS:

Witness was interviewed by Sergeant Avaya on September 2, 2012, at 2036 hours. The interview was video recorded in Spanish and translated and transcribed from Spanish to English.

> **IAB Note:** See Exhibit "D" CD of witness interview.

Witness said Suspect Guardado was "somewhat drunk." He said Suspect Guardado had two knives and came close to the deputies. He said Suspect Guardado tried to attack the deputies. He said the deputies did not hit the suspect but they used their Taser on Suspect Guardado and handcuffed him.

Witness said Suspect Guardado tried to attack him various times from behind with the knives.

> **IAB Note:** Witness and other potential witnesses who live refused to return phone calls and make themselves available for further comments on the incident.

SUSPECT STATEMENT:
Guardado, Natividad

Suspect Guardado said he was arguing with his [redacted] and he told the [redacted] to leave the house. He said his [redacted] surprised him and hit him two to three times in the face. He said he fell back, and his [redacted] punched him two times while he was on the ground. He said the injuries on his face came from being involved in a fight with his [redacted] He said his other injuries came from the deputies.

> **IAB Note:** See Exhibit "E" for photo of injuries to Suspect Guardado's face.

Suspect Guardado said one of the deputies grabbed him and threw him face down on the ground and put his knee on his shoulder. He said the other deputy tased him three times on the right lower side of his back. The suspect said his ribs were on the ground and his left hand was to the back on the sidewalk. He said the deputy put his knee on top of him, then the shocks in his back came.

> **IAB Note:** See Exhibit "F" for photos of injuries Suspect Guardado sustained during this incident.

SUSPECT INJURIES:
Suspect Guardado sustained a fracture to the left clavicle (break in the collarbone) and a rib fracture.

> **IAB Note:** Suspect Guardado would not return any phone calls or make himself available to be interviewed or available for IAB to request to receive his medical records. Only basic medical information is provided in this report.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES:
None

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:
Photographs of suspect's injuries were taken and are documented in this report.

INVESTIGATORS OBSERVATIONS:
The physical evidence in this case is corroborated by victim, witness and suspect interviews.



WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:
Deputy Sorensen used a Taser and personal weapons against Suspect Guardado.

WEAPONS USED BY SUBJECT:
Suspect Guardado used knives while confronting the deputies.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:
None

CHARGES FILED AND DISPOSITIONS:
Charges filed were 245 (A)(1)PC, 422(A)PC, 69 PC, 245(A)(4). Suspect Guardado was convicted of 245 (A) (4) PC. He received 180 days in LA County Jail and 3 years of formal probation

WEATHER AND LIGHTING CONDITIONS:
Light and (dusk) cool